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Research For NBC

Pittsburgh Writer Uncovers

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New evidence uncovered by writer-producer Abby Mann has been turned over to the special House committee reopening the investigation of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Mann, a former Pittsburgher, turned up the information while researching a drama he is writing about King for NBC.

About a month ago, Mann took his findings to a former King aide, Rep. Walter E. Fauntroy (D-D.C.). Fauntroy confirmed that Mann will be among the first witnesses called to testify when the new committee hearings begin later this year.

Mann said some of the new evidence deals with the stripping of security at the motel where King was shot in Memphis; "important information" from a former FBI agent, and state-

ments from three other key witnesses.

The latter include a detective who was removed from his job as a King security agent and placed in custody two hours before the assassination.

"I'd rather not try the case in the newspaper," Mann said. "But the more facts I uncovered the more disturbed I became and the more convinced I was that there should be a new investigation."

Mann's script for the three-hour film, which he has just completed writing, is about King's life, not the assassination.

Mann won an Academy Award for writing "Judgement at Nuremberg" and was the creator of last season's "Medical Story."

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ANOTHER EX-PITTSBURGH
writer, Joseph Wambaugh, says his "Police Story" Nov. 23 at 10 p.m. on NBC has a climax that is "a leap into



ABBY MANN
Expected to testify.

Drama

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New King Evidence

reality which even 'Police Story' has seldom dared to attempt."

The drama is based on the true story of a little girl shot by a sniper who cannot be convicted because the evidence-bullet is lodged close to the brain of the comatose victim.

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DON HO will host a comedy-variety show in the ABC daytime line-up, starting Oct. 25 at noon, replacing "Hot Seat."

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CAPSULE CRITIQUE: "Alice" was reviewed last month in its preview outing, but we did find the premiere well done this week. However, four shows about homosexuality in one week is a bit much; four shows on any one topic the same week would be a bit much. Discharging a quota?

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THE FIRST HOCKEY game of the

season airs Monday at 7:30 p.m. on KDKA-Radio with Mike Lange calling the action with Vancouver. First TV game is Oct. 28 at Philadelphia, on WIIC.

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BILL CARDILLE opens his 13th season of "Chiller Theater" on WIIC tomorrow with a new Transylvania castle set.

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THE ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC Orchestra will be heard in a series of 13 concerts on WQED-FM Radio, starting tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. The Chicago Symphony opens its 39-week season on the station Sunday at 9 (and, of course, the Pittsburgh Symphony is heard each Tuesday at 8).

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Winners of the National Public Radio Young People's Festival will be

heard on WYEP's "Kid's World" Sunday at 8 a.m.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS on the effects of TV violence on children will be held Nov. 30 at the William Penn Hotel. Requests for testimony before the PTA-sponsored sessions should be made by Oct. 15 to Mrs. Betty Jean Williams, 341 Bellefield Ave., Pittsburgh 15213.

The hearings will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and from 7 to 9 p.m. Nov. 30.

Weekend's Best

TONIGHT

11:30 p.m.—1 a.m. — "Tonight," Channels 6, 7, 11.

TOMORROW

9-11 — "Hollywood TV Theater," Channel 13.

SUNDAY

9:30-11 — "Sunday Mystery Movie," Channels 6, 7, 11.